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To award a Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of Alice Paul's role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BACA (for himself, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. GONZALEZ, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. WEXLER, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. SIRES, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. OLVER, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. DINGELL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WATT, Mr. MARKKEY of Massachusetts, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. NUNES, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. COHEN, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. BONO MACK, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. FARR, Mr. CARTER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. JONES, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. FILNER, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. WOLF, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. HOLT, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, and Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

To award a Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of Alice Paul's role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Alice Paul Women’s  
3 Suffrage Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5       The Congress finds as follows:

6           (1) Alice Paul was born on January, 11, 1885,  
7       in Moorestown, New Jersey, and died on July 9,  
8       1977.

9           (2) Alice Paul dedicated her life to securing suf-  
10       frage and equal rights for all women and, as founder  
11       of the National Woman’s Party, she was instru-  
12       mental in the passage of the 19th Amendment to the  
13       United States Constitution.

14           (3) Alice Paul and the National Woman’s Party  
15       were the first group ever to picket the White House.

16           (4) While President Woodrow Wilson trumpeted  
17       America’s values of democracy abroad during World  
18       War I, Alice Paul was dedicated to reminding the  
19       President that not all Americans enjoyed democracy  
20       at home.

21           (5) Alice Paul used nonviolent civil disobedience  
22       to bring national attention to the women’s suffrage  
23       movement, such as the 3-week hunger strike she un-  
24       dertook when she was sentenced to jail in October,  
25       1917, for her demonstrations.

1           (6) Alice Paul's courage inspired thousands of  
2 women to join the women's suffrage movement.

3           (7) Instead of patiently waiting for States to  
4 grant women suffrage, Alice Paul mobilized an en-  
5 tire generation of women to pressure the United  
6 States Congress and the President to give all women  
7 in America the right to vote.

8           (8) Alice Paul did not stop her fight after the  
9 19th Amendment was ratified; she drafted the Equal  
10 Rights Amendment to the United States Constitu-  
11 tion in 1923 and fought tirelessly for its passage  
12 until her death 54 years later.

13           (9) Alice Paul lobbied Congress to include gen-  
14 der in civil rights bills and was successful in includ-  
15 ing sex discrimination in Title VII of the Civil  
16 Rights Act of 1964.

17           (10) Alice Paul sought equal rights for women  
18 all over the world, not just Americans and, as a  
19 means of pursuing this goal, founded the World  
20 Party for Equal Rights for Women in the 1930s.

21           (11) Alice Paul was instrumental in the place-  
22 ment of a passage on gender equality in the pre-  
23 amble of the United Nations Charter.

1           (12) Few people have played a greater role in  
2       shaping the history of the United States than Alice  
3       Paul.

4           (13) Alice Paul is an example to all Americans  
5       of what one person can do to make a difference for  
6       millions of people.

7       **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

8           (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of  
9       the House of Representatives and the President pro tem-  
10      pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements  
11      for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold  
12      medal of appropriate design in commemoration of Alice  
13      Paul, in recognition of her role in the women’s suffrage  
14      movement and in advancing equal rights for women.

15          (b) PRESENTATION AND DISPLAY.—The medal re-  
16      ferred to in subsection (a) shall be presented jointly to  
17      representatives of the Alice Paul Institute and the Sewall-  
18      Belmont House, to be shared equally and displayed as ap-  
19      propriate.

20          (c) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the  
21      presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary  
22      of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the  
23      “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-  
24      blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the  
25      Secretary.

1 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

2       The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in  
3 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3  
4 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at  
5 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,  
6 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,  
7 and the cost of the gold medal.

8 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

9       (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-  
10 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter  
11 51 of title 31, United States Code.

12       (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section  
13 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck  
14 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

15 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**  
16 **SALE.**

17       (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is  
18 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint  
19 Public Enterprise Fund, such amounts as may be nec-  
20 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant  
21 to this Act.

22       (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the  
23 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section  
24 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public  
25 Enterprise Fund.